

In the CLAIMS:

1 1. A method of procuring a supplemental worker for a job,
2 comprising:
3 receiving a request form from a hiring entity for a
4 supplemental worker, said request form including:
5 a work location;
6 at least one skill type;
7 a skill level associated with said at least one
8 skill type; and
9 a quantity of supplemental workers required for
10 performing said job;
11 generating a list of at least one supplier candidate by
12 accessing a data repository, said list of at least one
13 supplier candidate satisfying criteria provided in said
14 request form; and
15 providing said list of at least one supplier candidate
16 to said hiring entity;
17 wherein said data repository stores
18 predefined skill types, predefined skill levels, supplier
19 locations, and pre-negotiated pay rates.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 upon acceptance of said request form, automatically
3 transmitting said request form to a requisitioning tool, said
4 requisitioning tool operable for generating a requisition;
5 and
6 upon approval of said requisition, automatically
7 transmitting said requisition to a procurement engine, said
8 procurement engine operable for generating a purchase order.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said skill types are coded
2 and selectable by said hiring entity.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said request form includes
2 an editable text field operable for entering a skill type.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said request form includes
2 a pay category option operable for calculating a salary.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein information relating to
2 said list of at least one supplier candidate is stored in
3 said data repository, said information including:
4 a supplier name;
5 a supplier address;
6 a supplier telephone number;
7 a point of contact; and
8 pre-negotiated pricing information based upon skill
9 types and skill levels.

1 7. A storage medium encoded with machine-readable computer
2 program code for procuring a supplemental worker for a job,
3 said storage medium including instructions for causing a
4 computer to implement:
5 receiving a request form from a hiring entity for a
6 supplemental worker, said request form including:
7 a work location;
8 at least one skill type;
9 a skill level associated with said at least one
10 skill type; and
11 a quantity of supplemental workers required for
12 performing said job;
13 generating a list of at least one supplier candidate by
14 accessing a data repository, said list of at least one
15 supplier candidate satisfying criteria provided in said
16 request form; and
17 providing said list of at least one supplier candidate
18 to said hiring entity;
19 wherein said data repository stores
20 predefined skill types, predefined skill levels, supplier
21 locations, and pre-negotiated pay rates.

- 1 8. The storage medium of claim 7, further comprising
2 instructions for causing said computer to implement:
3 upon acceptance of said request form, automatically
4 transmitting said request form to a requisitioning tool, said
5 requisitioning tool operable for generating a requisition;
6 and
7 upon approval of said requisition, automatically
8 transmitting said requisition to a procurement engine, said
9 procurement engine operable for generating a purchase order.
- 1 9. The storage medium of claim 7 wherein said skill types
2 are coded and selectable by said hiring entity.
- 1 10. The storage medium of claim 7, wherein said request form
2 includes an editable text field operable for entering a skill
3 type.
- 1 11. The storage medium of claim 7, wherein said request form
2 includes a pay category option operable for calculating a
3 salary.

1 12. The storage medium of claim 7, wherein information
2 relating to said list of at least one supplier candidate is
3 stored in said data repository, said information including:
4 a supplier name;
5 a supplier address;
6 a supplier telephone number;
7 a point of contact; and
8 pre-negotiated pricing information based upon skill
9 types and skill levels.

1 13. An integrated system for procuring a supplemental worker
2 for a job comprising:

3 a host system in communication with at least one hiring
4 entity, at least one supplier entity, and a commodity council
5 entity, said host system comprising:

6 a server executing a requisitioning tool, a
7 procurement engine, and a workflow application;

8 a data repository in communication with said
9 server via a network, said data repository storing predefined
10 skill types, predefined skill levels, supplier locations, and
11 pre-negotiated pay rates;

12 a supplemental workforce system executing on said
13 server; and

14 a request form generated by said supplemental
15 workforce system;

16 wherein said supplemental workforce system
17 performs:

18 receiving a completed request form from
19 a hiring entity for a supplemental worker, said completed
20 request form including a work location, at least one skill
21 type, a skill level associated with said at least one skill
22 type, and a quantity of supplemental workers required for
23 performing said job;

24 generating a list of at least one
25 supplier candidate by accessing said data repository, said
26 list of at least one supplier candidate satisfying criteria
27 provided in said completed request form; and

28 providing said list of at least one
29 supplier candidate to said hiring entity.

1 14. The system of claim 13, wherein said supplemental
2 workforce system automatically transmits said completed
3 request form with an approved supplier candidate to said
4 requisitioning tool operable for generating a requisition.

1 15. The system of claim 14, wherein said supplemental
2 workforce system automatically transmits said requisition to
3 said procurement engine operable for generating a purchase
4 order.